Charge to the DICR Commission to Review/Recommend Police Department Policies Relating to Compliance with Federal Immigration Programs

At their meeting on January 4, 2016, the Board of Selectmen considered the Police Department's current policies and practices relating to the Town's compliance with federal immigration programs, especially the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Priority Enforcement Program (formerly referred to as the Secure Communities Initiative). The Board voted to formally refer this matter to the Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations Commission for its review and recommendation.

Please find attached a packet of information that includes;

- 1) Town Meeting Resolutions from 1985 and 2006 relating to Brookline's "Sanctuary Town" status.
- 2.) The Brookline Police Department's current policies and practices relating to compliance with the Secure Communities Initiative.
- 3.) A copy of a presentation on ICE's Priority Enforcement Program.
- 3.) Copies of resolutions, ordinances or other policies from the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Newton and Somerville and the town of Amherst.
- 4.) A memorandum from the Police Department comparing the Town of Brookline's procedures with other communities.

The Board is asking that the Commission and its staff will review the above materials, engage in other relevant research, gather input from stakeholders and other interested parties, and prepare findings and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Please be prepared to make a preliminary report to the Board on this work no later than February 27, 2017.

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